REMARKS

The Patent Office has required Applicants to elect one of five perceived species to which the claims must be restricted: Species I (FIG. 1C); Species II (FIG. 1A); Species III (FIG. 1B); Species IV (FIG. 1D); Species V (FIGS. 2A and 2B); and Species VI (FIGS. 3A and 3B).

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Species V, namely FIGS. 2A and 2B. Claims 1-26 read on the elected species. Applicants respectfully traverse the species election requirement insofar as a search for publications relating to any of the species would reveal publications relating to any of the other species and, thus, would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the species election be withdrawn.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims readable on any of the non-elected in one or more related applications if the species election requirements are maintained.

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